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SUBJ: RELIEF FROM MILITARY OVERFLIGHT CHARGES BY
FRANCE (EUROCONTROL)

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING COURSE OF CALL ON BOULLET
(COUNSELOR FOR BILATERAL DEFENSE ISSUES, OFFICE OF PACTS
AND DISARMAMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS), EMB
POL-MIL OFFICER RAISED LONG-STANDING EUROCONTROL ISSUE.
BOULLET WAS UNAWARE OF ISSUE, BUT PROMISED TO REVIEW
STATUS AND RESPOND TO EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF REVIEWED WITH BOULLET HISTORY OF ISSUE AS
FOLLOWS:

--FRENCH BEGAN TO IMPOSE CHARGES IN NOVEMBER 1971,
CONTRARY TO PRACTICES OF OTHER ALLIES.

--US EXEMPTS FRENCH (AND OTHER FOREIGN MILITARY
AIRCRAFT) FROM SUCH OVERFLIGHT CHARGES.

--EMBASSY MADE ORAL DEMARCHE TO THE QUAI IN MAY
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1973.
--NUMEROUS OTHER INTERVENTIONS INCLUDED DIPLOMATIC
NOTES ON NOVEMBER 19, 1973, AND JUNE 24, 1974.
--AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT WITH QUAI SECRETARY
GENERAL DE COURCEL IN MAY 1975. LATTER STATED ISSUE
WAS UNDER REVIEW BY GOF INTERMINISTERIAL GROUP AND QUAI

WOULD TRY TO EXPEDITE DECISION.

3. EMBOFF NOTED WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING SINCE. BOULLET
PROMISED TO REVIEW ISSUE, WHICH HAD NOT COME TO HIS
ATTENTION SINCE HE ASSUMED HIS CURRENT POSITION IN
JANUARY 1976, AND TO RESPOND TO EMBASSY INQUIRY.
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